

A three-year-old Chicago boy pushed a wire screen from a fifth-story window the other day and fell with it to the sidewalk. The child rode on the screen, and its resistance to the air saved his life. His left arm and right leg were broken.

A Hungarian has discovered a method of spinning wood pulp into yarn, so that it can be woven into a fabric that may be converted into various articles of clothing.

Lord Kelvin estimates the diameter of a molecule of gas to be not less than one five-hundred-millionths of a centimeter. If a drop of water were to be magnified to the size of the earth and its molecules were magnified proportionately, the size of each molecule, according to the same authority would be between that of a duck-shot and that of a cricket ball.

## Our Cream Pitcher

Advance

Blessed secret! to learn how to do without things. We need to learn this secret of full life in Christ in spite of minor deprivations, because we cannot have all the things that we want—even rich men have been known to want more things—and some of us have to do without things which, on the plane of physical life, are quite desirable. If we can gain wealth it is well to have it, if we receive it as coming from God and use it for his glory; but if we do not possess this wealth, which is the lowest wealth in the gift of God, we are exhorted to earnestly covet the best gifts, that wealth of heart and soul which lies open for the taking to every follower of Christ. Here is wealth worthy of ambition; wealth which is offered freely and without stint; the unsearchable riches of Christ, which will make us wealthy to all eternity. Christ never asks us to do without this wealth, the true riches, but he says: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

New York Observer

The keenest thinkers of the world, some of them confessed rationalists, have recorded their sense of the heavenly purity and moral uplift of the life and ideals of Jesus the Messiah. Thus Hegel held that the Christian ideas of the kingdom of heaven and of purity of heart contain a greater depth of meaning than the doctrines of Socrates, while Fichte said of those memorable utterances of Jesus, "Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven" and "Blessed are the pure in heart," that "such words belong to the greatest that have ever been uttered." The impression that the life of Jesus made on the mind of the subtle Frenchman Renan is well known. The life that has produced such an impression on the philosophic minds of history and the influence that has swayed great multitudes of ordinary men from sin to holiness cannot be less than divine, must be more than local and transitory. Jesus Christ abides as the great redemptive force in history, unmistakably the Son of God come with power.

J. R. Miller

One reason why Jesus commands us not to judge others is because we cannot know all the circumstances, nor fully understand the facts of that in our neighbor which we would condemn. Hence, if we would form an unkindly judgment, it would be upon only partial knowledge, and would be unfair to our neighbor. The trouble with many people is that they do judge others, in spite of the Master's earnest command, and oftentimes do form uncharitable judgments, without sufficient knowledge. Christ's teaching is that the Christian way is to refrain from judging at all uncharitably. If we must form adverse opinions, however, we should at least wait until we have learned all the facts that bear upon the case.

Always it is wise to see both sides. It will save us from many a blunder. It will train us to carefulness and patience in forming opinions. It will safeguard our friendships. It will lead us into good paths in life.

Christian Advocate

Our strength does not lie in a great army, a powerful navy, an extending coast, an increasing commerce, or advanced education. We were mighty without these, and we may be far gone in the stages of decay when we have them. Our strength is in loyalty to God. If the Lord of hosts is with us, we will not fear tho the earth be removed and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

Presbyterian

It is well for "a man to have a mind of his own," but it should be a right and noble mind. Independence of judgment ought to comport with due regard for others, and, above all, for God. No man's opinion is infallible. The clearest and strongest thinker is amenable to human and divine laws and conditions, and he must not be so puffed up with what he thinks that he can afford to be disagreeable, discourteous and un-Christian. A kindly and gentle spirit is not incompatible with a true, wise and gracious independence of character.

John R. Mott

But pre-eminent among the helps to prayer are the great Helpers in prayer—Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. In and thru them alone do we find our true preparedness for the irresistible prayer life. We should ever remain in Christ's school of prayer, letting him teach us by his prayers, by his precepts, commands, and promises, about prayer. And with sincerity and faith we should always acknowledge that "we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

A Bright Promise for a Dark Day

Christian Advocate.

Everyone has a day of trouble. With some it is a long, dark day, with scarcely a rift in the cloud thru which the sun may shine for a moment. Multitudes spend all their days in trouble. They are, indeed, "born to trouble." So soon as they begin to think they find themselves sitting in darkness and the shadow of death. It has been said that "one half of the world does not know how the other half lives." Prosperous families, well-to-do people, know but little of the hardship and agony of thousands who live within a few blocks of their comfortable homes. They have read about them in novels and newspapers. They have sometimes heard the story of one of them. They have looked on the outside of the tenements and hovels which they inhabit, but their real life they never witnessed.

"Darkest England, and the Way Out," is the title of a book published by General Booth several years ago, in which he has drawn a harrowing picture of what he calls "the submerged tenth," or the masses of poor people in London and other English cities. These people have literally been swallowed up by adversity, and have no power to rise, and there is not in them a ray of hope that they or their children will ever be better off than they are now. The case is not so bad in America, but it is bad enough. There are thousands in our cities to whom life is a burden because of abject poverty.

Many have brought this trouble on themselves by indolence and vice. Some have been plunged into this sea of trouble by

vicious ancestors or near relatives. Others, being handicapped in the struggle for existence by bodily or mental infirmity, have been pushed to the wall by social conditions and cruel taskmasters. Their day of trouble is long and dark and dreary.

It is a mistake that poverty alone causes trouble. Wealth and rank are not exempt. Kings, robed in purple and fine linen, crowned by gold and attended by servants and courtiers, are often the most unhappy men in the world. In homes where comfort and luxury abound deep afflictions may often be found. Men and women who are looked on by their neighbors with envy on account of the abundance of their comforts may be carrying the heaviest load of all. Goodness does not exempt men from trouble. Mary and Martha sent to Jesus, saying, "He whom Thou lovest is sick." "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." If Job and Moses and Hezekiah and Paul must suffer, and if Jesus, who was holy and harmless and separate from sinners, must be made perfect thru sufferings, who are we that we should claim exemption? "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as tho some strange thing happened unto you."

The nature of the body renders trouble inevitable. The constitution of the mind makes it impossible to escape trouble. When we consider the delicate and sensitive powers of the mind we are amazed, not that we have so much trouble, but that we have so little. Doubt, perplexity, disappointment, fear, and grief must come into every mind. The condition of the world renders escape from trouble out of the question. If we were perfect, the world would still be imperfect. Nothing here comes to perfection. Fair flowers are blasted before they reach maturity. Crystal streams are dried up by summer heat. The warm currents of life are chilled by the breath of winter. The tender ties that bind kindred hearts in closest union are broken. The dearest treasures of the throbbing heart are in the grave. The world is wrong. The conspiracies of wicked men against the innocent and just ripen and prosper.

Sin is the chief cause of trouble. It lies at the bottom of all trouble. Sin brings trouble to the conscience, grief to the affections, torment to the mind, remorse to the spirit. If we could be rid of sin, we should be well-nigh free from all trouble.

Everyone carries some burden. It may be an affliction in the home. It may be a lurking disease, known only to the sufferer and a few intimate friends, silently making inroads upon his system and bringing the end nearer every day. It may be a wandering son, whose way the father deplores, and whose doom he dreads. It may be a financial calamity, which has swept all away. But whatever the trouble there is a message in the Gospel to meet the case. There is a bright promise for the darkest day. God has not forgotten the troubled soul. He has remembered him in His will, saying, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me."